

Policy/Procedures for TTAL Submission

Background: DHS/TSA has identified critical infrastructure assets of national concern through the Top Transit Asset List (TTAL). Critical infrastructure assets are those vital to the functionality and continuity of a major transit system that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, public health or safety, or any combination thereof. This specifically includes critical underwater tunnels, underground stations or tunnels, shared transportation facilities and other interdependencies of the system, critical systems, and any other asset that would severely impact the overall system if lost or damaged. With the creation of the TTAL, DHS/TSA can now target funding to the remediation of those assets on the list in an informed and risk-based approach.

Process: TSA will consider additional assets for the TTAL. The process for submitting these assets is outlined below as well as the information required with the submission. It is important to note that the current TTAL stands at 67 assets and we are not inclined to increase that number. TSA will consider new asset submissions for the current TTAL but a very strong argument must be made as to why the asset is sufficiently critical to be included on the original TTAL. Assets under construction, that are currently non-operational, will not be considered for TTAL inclusion. Once operational, they will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Further, if an agency requests TSA to participate in a site visit, TSA will attempt to accommodate this request on a case by case basis. TSA is developing a follow-on list that includes the next tier of significant assets that do not qualify for inclusion on the original TTAL. This follow-on list contains assets that did not make the existing TTAL but are still considered important. As TSA continues our risk-based approach to critical asset remediation for assets on the existing TTAL, the assets on the follow-on list will be considered for future funding as assets on the TTAL are fully remediated.

In order to ensure proper TTAL asset submission, it is the respective agency's responsibility that:

1. Submission must be endorsed by Senior Security Official or CEO
2. Submission should go to OSPIE Mass Transit and Passenger Rail Security Division – TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov
3. Asset submissions are submitted during the time period March 2014 – May 2014
4. Submission must include narrative for each asset describing the following:
 - a. Asset Name
 - b. Asset Owner/Location
 - c. Description of Asset
 - d. Threat/Vulnerability/Consequence Information
 - e. Justification as to the Impact of the asset to the Agency's System if compromised
 - f. Other pertinent information

Please include agency name and "TTAL Asset Submission" in the subject of the email (for digital reference/archiving purposes) as this will help us in filing submissions. TSA will then, in turn, respond to any asset requests within ten business days via email.